

Amendments to Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A gaming machine comprising:

variable display means for variably displaying a plurality of patterns;

front side display means, which is arranged in front of said variable display means and through which said plurality of patterns of said variable display means can be seen, wherein said front side display means is configured as a stack of a plurality of panel-shaped displays, including at least three panels wherein said stack comprises at least one cover panel, at least one liquid crystal panel and at least one reflective panel;

internal prize-winning-combination determination means for determining an internal-win-combination;

stop control means for stopping and controlling a variable display operation of said variable display means based on a determination result of said internal-win-combination

determination means; and

game media disbursement means for disbursing game media when a stop mode of the variable display means stopped by said stop control means conforms with a predetermined stop mode.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The gaming machine according to Claim 1, wherein one of said plurality of panel-shaped displays arranged adjacent to a side of said variable display means comprises an opening which allows said plurality of patterns of said variable display means to be seen therethrough.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The gaming machine according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of panel-shaped displays comprises ~~a~~ at least two liquid crystal panels ~~panel~~.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A gaming machine including at least one variable display device showing varying images and a stop device for stopping the varying images so as to show a still image on each variable display device, the gaming machine comprising:

a front side display device comprising at least three panels, and being positioned in front of the at least one variable display device such that the gaming machine has a mode to allow the still image to be seen through said front side display device;

wherein said front side display device comprises a first display panel, ~~and~~ a second display panel, and a third panel, ~~wherein said second display panel and said third panel are being~~ positioned between said first display panel, ~~and~~ the at least one variable display device such that the gaming machine has a mode to allow the still image to be seen through said first display panel and said second display panel; and

wherein said first display panel and said second display panel are capable of showing images which are dependent on each other and wherein at least one of said first display panel and said second display panel is an LCD display panel.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The gaming machine according to Claim 5, wherein at least one of said first display panel and said second display panel comprises an opening such that at least a part of the still image of the at least one variable display device may be seen through said opening.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The gaming machine according to Claim 5, wherein at least one of said first display panel and said second display panel comprises a plurality of openings such that at least a part of the still image of the at least one variable display device may be seen through at least one of said plurality of openings.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The gaming machine according to Claim 7, wherein said plurality of openings are arranged so as to show the still image on the at least one variable display device through each of said plurality of opening.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The gaming machine according to Claim 5, wherein said second display panel comprises an opening and an opaque member disposed around said opening such that at least a part of the still image of the at least one variable display device may be seen through said opening.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The gaming machine according to Claim 5, wherein said first display panel comprises a liquid crystal panel.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The gaming machine according to Claim 5 10, wherein said second display panel comprises a

~~reflecting plate~~ liquid crystal panel.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The gaming machine according to Claim 11, wherein said reflecting plate has a convex surface.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The gaming machine according to Claim 5, wherein said front side display device further comprises a transparent plate with a predetermined thickness being positioned between said second display panel and at least one variable display device.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The gaming machine according to Claim 13, wherein said front side display device further comprises a reflecting plate being positioned between said transparent plate and the at least one variable display device.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The gaming machine according to Claim 14, wherein said front side display device further comprises a back light such that light from said back light passes through said transparent plate and is reflected on said reflecting plate.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The gaming machine according to Claim 5, wherein said front side display device further comprises a frame for holding said first display panel and said second display panel, wherein said frame comprises a notch through which light passes.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The gaming machine according to Claim 5, wherein said at least one variable display device comprises a rotatable reel, and wherein an image shown by said first display panel is associated with the still image on said rotatable reel.

Claim 18. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to Claim 5, wherein the at least one variable display device comprises a rotatable reel, and wherein an image shown by said second display panel is associated with the still image on said rotatable reel.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The gaming machine according to Claim 5, wherein said second display panel comprises a liquid crystal panel.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The gaming machine according to Claim 11, wherein said reflecting plate has a

concave surface.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A gaming machine including at least one variable display device showing varying images and a stop device for stopping the varying images so as to show a still image on each variable display device, the gaming machine comprising:

a front side display device being positioned in front of the at least one variable display device such that the gaming machine has a mode to allow the still image to be seen through said front side display device;

wherein said front side display device comprises a first display panel ~~and~~ a second display panel, and a third panel, with said second display panel and said third display panel being positioned between said first display panel, and the at least one variable display device such that the gaming machine has a mode to allow the still image to be seen through said first display panel and said second display panel; and

wherein said first display panel and said second display panel are capable of showing images which are independent from each other wherein at least one of said second display panel and

said third display panel are formed as a LCD panel.

Claim 22. (Currently Amended). The device as in claim 21, wherein said ~~first~~ second display panel and said ~~second~~ third display panel are in the form of liquid crystal panels arranged in a stack.